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NORWICH T O W N S H I P

Text-to-911

Franklin County residents can now TEXT-TO-911 in an emergency. Text-to-911 allows a person to send a text message from a mobile device when placing a call would be too dangerous.

Know When to Text-to-911:

- If you are in a threatening situation and a voice call could increase the threat
- If you cannot speak due to an injury or medical condition
- If you experience poor mobile phone reception
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability

To send a 911 text, simply enter the numbers 911 in the "To:" field of your mobile device then add a brief message to include your location and type of emergency, then press "Send".

Dispatchers will receive the message similar to how it would appear on a smart phone text message chain and will have the ability to text back specific questions to the sender.

"If a person has the choice between calling or texting 911 centers throughout Franklin County, please call if you can and text if you can't," said Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown. "Calling is better than texting because emergency dispatchers can get more immediate answers to questions from callers, listen for distress in voices, and learn background information that could assist first responders in a potentially life-threatening emergency."

In the event a text does not go through, the person attempting to use Text-to-911 will receive an automated bounce-back message indicating the text failed to deliver. Text-to-911 service is subject to cell signal availability; another reason to call 911 when possible and text if not.

Do Not Text and Drive - Texting while driving is not safe. If you need to text 911 while in a vehicle, be sure you have securely parked your vehicle off the roadway.

For more information about the new Text-to-911 service, visit text911.franklincountyohio.gov.



2019 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

MAY 7 6:00 PM
MAY 21 12:00 PM
JUNE 4 6:00 PM
JUNE 18 12:00 PM
JULY 2 6:00 PM
JULY 16 12:00 PM
AUGUST 6 6:00 PM
AUGUST 20 12:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 3 6:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 17 12:00 PM
OCTOBER 1 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 15 12:00 PM
NOVEMBER 5 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 19 11:30 AM*
Records Commission Annual Meeting
NOVEMBER 19 12:00 PM
DECEMBER 3 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 17 12:00 PM

* Note Time Change
The public is always welcome to attend.

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway

2019 Road & Utility Projects

Timberbrook North of Renner Road- Full Depth Reclamation

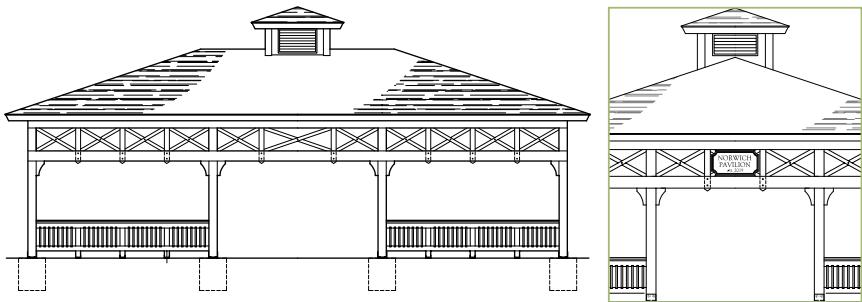
- Hickory Hill Drive
- Hickory Hill Place
- Shady Brook Lane
- Stemwood Drive
- Valley Crest Drive

Old Timberbrook South of Renner Road- Aqua Waterline and Fire Hydrant Replacement

- Timberbrook Lane
- Willow Creek Drive
- Meadowood Lane
- Brenthaven Place
- Brenthaven Drive
- Sunnyvale Lane

Norwich Pavillion

A new pavilion is under construction at Weaver Park next to the Historical Village and is expected to be completed by the beginning of May. Once constructed, the Township will donate the pavilion to the City of Hilliard and the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society will be responsible for renting and scheduling events at the Pavilion.



"We are so pleased that the Township is donating the Norwich Pavilion to the City," said Barbara Cash, the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society President. "Not only will the new structure benefit our Historical Society, but it will enhance the Historical Village as a whole and give the community a great venue for weddings, reunions, parties, and meetings."

The Norwich Pavilion will be over 2,500 square feet and will accommodate over 130 people. The Pavilion will have electrical hookups, LED lights, a patio, and sidewalks that will connect visitors to the Colwell Church and other areas within the Historical Village.

For more information on future rental details of the Norwich Pavilion, contact the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society at 614-876-5880 or by email at hilliardohiohistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



Understanding Drainage & Flooding

Do you have flooding issues in your yard?

Many urban residents are not aware of their property's drainage landscape until a large storm event or blocked pipes force excess water to find a natural flood flow that existed prior to the development of homes and roadways. Many urban roads are designed with infrastructures in place to manage flood routing. In addition, most subdivisions are graded with drainage easements in rear and side yards to carry runoff away from structures towards detention ponds or catch basins. It is when these systems are blocked or full that excess water and overland flow will occur resulting in flooding.

If your property has standing water for extended periods of time that kill vegetation, become a mosquito breeding ground, or threatens the structure of your home, there are several avenues you can explore. The first would be to contact our Township Road Department at 614-876-2236. Our Road Department will come out and identify whether the issue is within the Township's public right-of-way. If the issue is in the Township's public right-of-way, our crew will use a pipe camera to identify if a broken pipe or a pipe blockage is causing flooding. In some situations, you may have to contact the Franklin County Engineers office at 614-525-3030 if the roadway is under their responsibility. If your drainage problem is outside of the public's right-of-way, contact Franklin Soil and Water at 614-486-9613.

Most of the drainage concerns we respond to in the Township are due to normal seasonal fluctuations in ground water and functioning drainage pathways. The act of flooding is a natural process that occurs regularly this time of year and can be managed to a certain extent. Recognizing the severity of a storm event and the condition of drainage features around us help to explain the many issues we see after a storm.

Understanding our position in the landscape and how we can affect drainage is key to understanding flooding. For more information on solutions to drainage issues, visit <https://www.franklinswcd.org/>.

Homeowner Improvement Guide

If your summer plans include adding a new deck, shed, pool, or addition to your home, contact the



Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department before you get started.

For residents that reside in the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township, all zoning and building issues fall under the administration of the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department. The Zoning Department is responsible for enforcing and administering the Franklin County Zoning Resolution. This resolution regulates buildings and land uses for the purpose of promoting public health, safety, and general welfare throughout Franklin County. The Planning Department guides responsible growth by managing long-term changes in land usage. The Building Department works with homeowners and building contractors to comply with the zoning resolution through building permits, plan review, and inspections.

Before your project begins, visit <https://development.franklincountyohio.gov> and contact the Franklin County Building Department at 614-525-3166 and the Franklin County Zoning Department at 614-525-3094. For residents that reside in the City of Hilliard, contact the Hilliard Public Service Department at 614-334-2557 for zoning and permit information.

*To identify if your property is **unincorporated** (Norwich Township Tax District 200) or **incorporated** in the city limits (City of Hilliard Tax District 050) visit the Franklin County Auditor site to review the **Tax Status** of your parcel.*



Safe Exchange Zone

Norwich Township and the City of Hilliard now offers residents a designated Safe Exchange Zone. This zone is located in the front parking lot of the Safety Services Building located at 5181 Northwest Parkway. The Safe Exchange Zone serves as a space where residents can conduct online transactions or child custody exchanges without the fear of being victimized. It is a well-lit area, available every day year-round, and under 24-hour surveillance.

When conducting private transactions, the Hilliard Division of Police recommend that you tell a friend where you are going, use caution to avoid being a victim of a scam, and making the transaction during daylight hours. If someone is not willing to come to the Safety Services Building, it may be a sign the transaction is not legitimate.



Memorial Day of Remembrance Ceremony Set for May 27

Remember the heroes of America's armed forces and the country's fallen veterans during this year's Memorial Day ceremony. The service will be held at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery starting at 10:00 am. This event is sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hilliard Memorial Post 4931, and American Legion Hilliard Post 614.



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Retirements

Fire Department

With over 30 years in the fire service, 26 of them with Norwich Township, Battalion Chief Ted Kienzle celebrated his retirement in February.



Battalion Chief Kienzle's Crew

Cemetery and Roads

Rick Rapp retired in March after dedicating 25 years of public service to the cemetery and roadways of Norwich Township.

Online Option: If you would prefer to receive our newsletters electronically, go to our website at www.norwichtownship.org, scroll over the Township tab, then click on Township Newsletters.

Promotions

We are pleased to celebrate the following promotions within the Fire Department-

- Former Lieutenant Dave Baird has been promoted to Battalion Chief
- Former Lieutenant Lamar Sweigart has been promoted to Battalion Chief
- Former Firefighter Eric Eby has been promoted to Lieutenant
- Former Firefighter Tim Keever has been promoted to Lieutenant
- Former Firefighter Matt Tackett has been promoted to Lieutenant

Issues, Questions, Concerns, Compliments & Complaints:

Do you have issues, questions, concerns, compliments, or complaints that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? Visit our website at www.norwichtownship.org and scroll over the Contact tab.